

# A WAIF.

O soul take heart! Though long the way,  
Thy rest shall come at last.  
Not always shall the shadows fall:  
Dawn breaks when night is past.  
Earth's children oft have trod a path  
Of bitter weariness below,  
To reach the Jasper courts above,  
Where living waters flow.  
Be "faithful to the end," O soul!  
Nor doubt the Master's will;  
Through light or shade He's ever near,  
And watches o'er thee still.

[Selected.]

## "ONLY ONCE IN A WAY."

"Sir, I hope you'll look over it. I can assure you I only take a drop once in a way."

This was said by a very fine young man, who was standing in an office beside a desk at which a grey-headed gentleman with grave, but by no means harsh expression of countenance, was seated, and who replied, "Curtis, I should be the more inclined to look over this fault, if you were more impressed with the seriousness of the sin."

"Sir—sir! I'm very sorry, but really, sir, as it's only once in a way—"

"Ah, there it is, you are excusing yourself, and a very false excuse it is, both for your interests and mine. I'm interested in you, Curtis, you served your time with us, and I think we've always, that is the firm have always shown, that they desired your welfare."

"Oh, certainly, sir, and I'm grateful—but just once in a way does not make a man a drunkard."

"Listen to me, Curtis," said his employer, taking up the newspaper, "here is an account of a woman, a respectable nurse in a family, who went a railway journey. A gentleman put a travelling bag by her as she sat in the waiting-room. She took it up and went into the carriage with it, hiding it under the seat. She was seen to do it, and was taken into custody. What was that action, Curtis?"

"Why, sir, it was thieving."

"Yes sir."

"She pleaded that she had never done such a thing before. 'It was only once in a way.' But the law condemned her as a thief."

"When Mr. Black's premises were burned down through the carelessness of a night porter, who was tipsy, as he said, and I believe, for the first time, was it any compensation to them, or to the neighborhood where loss, and fright worse than any loss, caused so much suffering—was it any compensation that 'it was only once in a way?' Was it not decided that the disaster was caused by drunkenness?"

"Did you see our clerk who had made a false entry in the books?"

"Oh, yes sir, and I never shall forget him, never—and I thanked you that you did not prosecute that poor widow's son, but helped him to emigrate."

"Yes, yes—we did that for his mother's sake. He had been honest and truthful; when he fell, his fault was discovered at once—best so for him. I mention his case because you know it all. Trust me, Curtis. The man who tells a lie is a liar—the man who steals is a thief—and the man who gets drunk is a drunkard. And to plead that 'it's only once in a way,' is to show that you have no sense of the sin, and until you have, there's no hope of amendment."

How crest-fallen and abject looked Curtis, as his employer spoke. How condemned he felt, for he knew all his excuses were but vain, making bad worse. He pleaded, "Try me once again, sir. I beg of you—try me. I'm more ashamed than I like to say. Forgive me."

"Ask God, Curtis to forgive. I am more sorry than angry—ask God. If He had called you to die while you were in that intemperate condition, what would avail that miserable plea—'Only once in a way?' It's only once that you will die. Think of that. Be ready—be sober—for no drunkard shall inherit the kingdom of God."

Curtis went away, resolving that his first drinking bout should also be his last. He was humbled, and asked for strength to keep his resolution.

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